

National PREVENTION COUNCIL

National leadership is critical to support our Nation's focus on prevention, catalyze action across society, and implement the Strategic Directions and Priorities of the National Prevention Strategy. The National Prevention Council, created through the Affordable Care Act, comprises 20 Federal departments, agencies, and offices and is chaired by the Surgeon General. Council members are cabinet secretaries, chairs, directors, or administrators of Federal departments. Such high-profile involvement demonstrates an unprecedented commitment to prevention and wellness in the U.S. health care system.



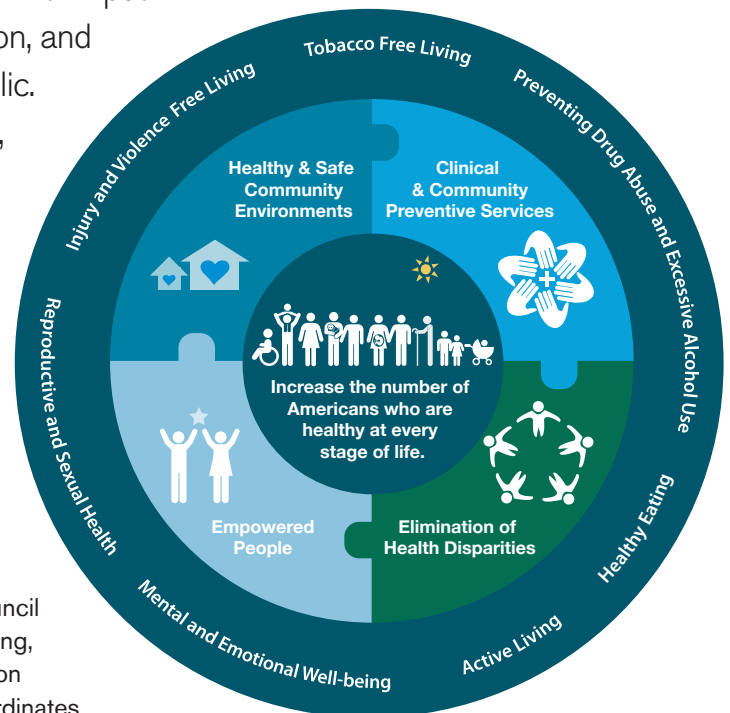
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The National Prevention Council developed the Strategy with input from the Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health, stakeholders, and the public. The Council will continue to provide National leadership, engage a diverse array of stakeholders, facilitate coordination and alignment among Federal departments, agencies, and offices and non-Federal partners, champion the implementation of effective policies and programs, and ensure accountability.

ROLES OF THE NATIONAL PREVENTION COUNCIL:

► Provide National Leadership

The National Prevention Council provides coordination and leadership at the Federal level and identifies ways that agencies can work individually, as well as together, to improve our Nation's health. The Council helps each agency incorporate health considerations into decision making, enhances collaboration on implementing prevention and health promotion initiatives, facilitates sharing of best practices, and, as appropriate, coordinates guidance and funding streams. The Council will identify specific, measurable actions and timelines to carry out the Strategy, and will determine accountability for meeting those timelines within and across Federal departments and agencies.



► Engage Partners

The Council will ensure ongoing engagement of partners from all parts of society to understand and act upon advancements and developments that may affect health and wellness through prevention. Partners are necessary to implement the Strategy at the National, State, tribal, local, and Territorial levels. The Council will foster partnerships, identify areas for enhanced coordination and alignment, and disseminate best practices.

► Align Policies and Programs

Aligning policies and programs at the National, State, tribal, local, and Territorial levels can help ensure that actions are synergistic and complementary. When all sectors are working toward common prevention priorities, improvements in health can be amplified. The National Prevention Council will work to identify and facilitate the sharing of best practices to support the alignment of actions with what has been shown to be effective.

► Assess New and Emerging Trends and Evidence

The prevention landscape continuously evolves as scientific evidence, new plans and reports, new legislation, and innovative partnerships emerge. The Strategy will adapt its approaches as new information becomes available. The National Prevention Council will gather input to identify promising practices and innovative approaches to prevention and integrative health. The Council will maintain close ties to prevention practice and research, updating policy and program recommendations as new evidence becomes available. The Council will review new and emerging data and evidence, prioritizing our Nation's health needs and providing information to the President and Congress concerning the most pressing health issues confronting the United States.

► Ensure Accountability – Annual Status Report

The National Prevention Council will track progress in implementing the National Prevention Strategy, report on successes and challenges, and identify actions that are working, as well as areas where additional effort is needed. The Strategy contains metrics that will be used to measure progress. Key indicators are identified for the overarching goal, the leading causes of death, and each of the Strategic Directions and Priorities. Each year, the National Prevention Council will deliver an Annual Status Report to the President and Congress.

► The Prevention Advisory Group

The Advisory Group on Prevention, Health Promotion, and Integrative and Public Health (Prevention Advisory Group), also created by the Affordable Care Act, brings a non-Federal perspective to the Strategy's policy and program recommendations and to its implementation. The Presidentially appointed Prevention Advisory Group will assist in the implementation of the Strategy, working with partners throughout the Nation. The Prevention Advisory Group will advise the National Prevention Council in developing public, private, and nonprofit partnerships that will leverage opportunities to improve our Nation's health. The Prevention Advisory Group will also continue to develop and suggest policy and program recommendations to the Council.

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